

CHANGE IN FILE STATUS
APPROVAL FORM

DATE October 13, 1987


CURRENT FILE NO. DOE/047/017

RECOMMENDED FILE NO. Closed

COMPANY AND MINE NAME Wasatch Tar Sands

REASON FOR CHANGE IN FILE STATUS

In 1983, Wasatch Tar Sands, Inc. acquired a sublease from Celsius Energy to mine a tract on a state section. The operator, Mr. Fairbanks, got a Declaration of Exemption from the Division, but failed to post a bond and operating plan with State Lands. The operation resulted in about two acres of surface disturbance (road, small trench, and a bench cut) and the destruction of 50 trees. The operator got into a heated feud with Mr. Blake of State Lands when he was asked to comply with State Land's regulations. He subsequently abandoned the site. State Lands and Forestry did not require Celsius Energy to reclaim the site when the lease was dropped, and no legal action will be taken against Mr. Fairbanks. It is recommended that this file be put to rest.

REQUESTORS NAME Frank Filas 

ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME Lowell Braxton

ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE  10/13

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